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## Montco Sheriff targets deadbeat parents again

Norristown, Pa., (May 28, 2014) – Montgomery County Sheriff Russell Bono kept his promise to pursue deadbeat parents regularly and unannounced. Bono ordered a team of deputies to find and arrest deadbeat parents in an overnight raid during the early morning hours on May 28, 2014. The defendants collectively owed \$67,285.07 in arrearages that covered the care of 16 children.

Domestic Relations Compliance Manager Rebecca Colantuno thanked the Sheriff's Office for their dedication and successful execution of DRO sweeps.

"The Sheriff's Office will continue to conduct unannounced roundups to increase the pressure on these parents," said Bono. "I would encourage all of those on the list to come forward and to make arrangements to pay down their debt."

Ten defendants saw Hon. Rhonda Lee Daniele in a hearing at the Montgomery County Courthouse and were ordered to pay a total of \$14,000.00 for their release. The largest amount owed by a defendant was \$25,017.41. Five defendants were released due to their cases being continued or resolved. The remaining defendants remain in prison until their purge amounts are paid.

"Once again we want to express our thanks to the Domestic Relations Office for their support in our effort to apprehend those individuals who have failed in their responsibilities to support their children," said Bono. "I would also like to thank Common Pleas Judge Rhonda Daniele who arraigned all of those individuals arrested today."

The Sheriff's Office relies on the public's assistance in finding wanted individuals. Anonymous tips may be reported by either calling the Office of the Sheriff's **TIP LINE** at

## 610-278-3340 or, by filling out the online "Submit a Tip" form at

<u>www.montcopa.org/formcenter/sheriffs-department-8/submit-a-tip-45</u>, or by sending an email to <u>sheriffwarrant@montcopa.org</u>. The "**Domestic Relations Most Wanted for Child Support**" list is also available at <u>www.montcopa.org/sheriff</u> by clicking on the link "Wanted Persons."

The Sheriff's Office is now on Facebook at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/montcosheriff">www.facebook.com/montcosheriff</a> and Twitter <a href="https://www.facebook.com/montcosheriff">@MontCoPASheriff</a>.